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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-76694, which was published on March 14, 2000, together with an English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-81566, which was published on March 21, 2000, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,118,594 to MARUYAMA, which issued on September 12, 2000. Applicants note that the Japanese document is mentioned on page 2 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-333576, which was published on November 22, 2002, together with patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0172132 to TAKEUCHI et al., which was published on November 21, 2002. Applicants also note that the Japanese document is mentioned on page 4 of the specification of the present application.

U.S. Patent No. 5,665,957 to LEE et al., which issued on September 9, 1997;

U.S. Patent No. 6,009,066 to YOO et al., which issued on December 28, 1999;

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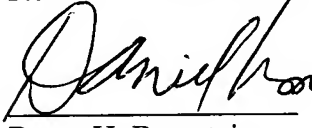
U.S. Patent No. 6,222,812 to YOO et al., which issued on April 24, 2001.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publication are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

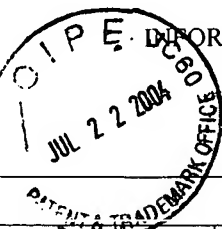
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